

SENATE RESOLUTION 40
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Laura Elizabeth Sikes,
2003 Valedictorian of Rossview High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Laura Elizabeth Sikes is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Rossview High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Sikes has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Laura Sikes has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and has been honored with the Woodmen of the World American History Award, the Advanced Placement Biology Award, the Pre-calculus Award, and the Latin II Award; active in the Junior Classical League, on the Math Team, and in the Academic Quiz Bowl, she has been named a National Merit Semifinalist; and

WHEREAS, a born leader, Ms. Sikes has refined and implemented her leadership skills as a Student Government Representative, as the Class Treasurer, as the Student Body President, and as a participant in the American Legion's Girls State and Youth Leadership Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Laura Sikes is also a talented musician: having studied the piano for seven years and the clarinet for four years, she served as the band's Treasurer and President, earned a seat in numerous honors bands, including the All Middle Tennessee Honors Band and the All Tennessee Honors Band, was honored with the Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award, and attended the Governor's School for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of the Madison Street Church of Christ, Laura Sikes manifests her faith as she serves her community through her involvement with the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, and Lads to Leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sikes' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Laura Sikes' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Laura Elizabeth Sikes' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Rossvie High School Valedictorian, Laura Elizabeth Sikes, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.